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\$57.50 Silk Coat....\$48.50 \$72.50 Silk Coat....\$50.00 \$95.00 Silk Coat....\$70.00 Velvet Monte Carlos. -\$42.50, reduced to \$32.50. -\$48.50, reduced to \$38.00. -\$72.50, reduced to \$60.00. \$78 VELVET JACKET (Persian trim.)..\$50 (2) \$38.50 ELECTRIC SEAL JACKETS..\$30

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-\$75.00 Suit, reduced to \$50.00.
-\$75.00 Suit, reduced to \$65.00.
-\$90.00 Suit, reduced to \$75.00.
-New line of Fine Crept de Chine Waists at \$10 and \$13.50.
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-in Eiderdown, at \$1.
-in French Flannel, at \$3.
-in Silk, at \$8.
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"The busiest Christmas season in years," said Mr. W. P. Van Wickle, manager of the Bradbury Factory ware rooms, 1225 Pa. ave., in answer to the writer's query regarding holiday business. "I notice a growing tendency each year to give useful and substantial presents, like planes, for Christ-mas. Nobedy thinks of buying the trash and fancy articles newadays that were sold in former years. The stores don't keep them any more-the demand is for articles of real use. Our regular teams, and many extra ones, are going night and day delivering the planes selected by Santa Clausand this is going to be our banner season.

"I can notice a greatly increased demand for good planes—like the Bradbury—and those are the kinds of planes we like to sell, because we know they'll give unqualified satisfaction. We make the Bradbury-and we sell it direct to the con-sumer, thus eliminating all middle profits. This. taken in connection with the fact that we show the largest stock of pianos in Washington, and offer easy terms that no competitor can meet are the reasons I ascribe for our enormous Chfistmas business. The purchaser can have any piano in this house on almost any terms he or she may ask. Another point, we are exceptionally liberal in longs to Congress, and which Congress our allowance for old square planes, which we sorely needs. Eleven committees of the have no trouble in fixing up and selling again. Senate find refuge in the Maltby House, We take the eld piano and allow full cash value and there sixty-six senators render service. in exchange for the new Bradbury, which is delivered at once-without any cash outlay-until later in the winter, to suit the convenience of the

"We have some elegant second-hand upright planes here at \$155, \$175, \$195, \$210, \$225, etc., that are easily worth double. Some of them are

others of equal prominence. These we mark at about one-fourth their value-\$25, \$35, \$50, \$65. \$75 and \$100-on \$1 weekly payments. "We are obliged to keep open evenings to supply the Christmas trade for planos—and those who haven't leisure in the day time will receive our

est attention in the evenings." Mother Goose



This youngster is Comical Ted,

SUGAR LOAF BREAD,

"I could eat it forever, "Get tired of it, never. 'There's no purer bread made," he

Award of Prizes Postponed.

On account of the great number of contestants seeking the prizes given by the Boston Baking Co. for BREAD," the announcement of the winners, which was to have been published in today's paper, will be indefinitely postponed, and each con-

testant notified personally by mail. BOSTON BAKING CO., OPPOSITE U. S. CAPITOL, WASHINGTON, D. C.

in full variety, rich designs; also neat Brass and Nickel Reading Lamps. We have only the best burners. Inspection invited. Fine, useful Christmas presents.

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REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMIT-TEE SUBMITTED.

Supreme Court-Appropriate Shelter Needed for Department of Justice.

preme Court and Department of Justice.

The Big Rent Roll.

"To show how extravagant and unbusiesslike this method is, it is only necessary to call attention to the fifty-four buildings now rented by the departments and the

"In February, before the close of this Congress, this amount will be increased by \$50,000 annually (for the new Mills building), making \$260,000 in all. This does not include buildings always rented by Con-gress for its own use and that of bureaus under its immediate direction. This annual rental of \$260,000 paid by the government is the interest on \$13,000,000. Such a sum would construct three times the buildings which the government hires, for, according to an official report, rent paid by the gov-ernment ranges from 6 to 17 per cent on the actual value of the property occupied.

"The Supreme Court, the greatest tribu-nal on earth, has never been properly pro-vided for. For generations it has been cramped for room and compelled to occupy space in a corner of the Capitol which be-

"In 1861 this government sought to acquir the two blocks of residence buildings then | occupying the northeast and southeast corners of Capitol square. They were offered by the owners for \$303,000. Congress was diliatory; the purchase was postponed, and eleven years later the same land was bought for \$681,878.65—more than twice as

much.
"These three squares so admirably adaptd for a temple of justice, a magnificent work of art, to balance the superb Library opposite, may now be bought for less than one-half of the price paid for the site of either of the post offices in Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston.

"There never has been a time in the history of this country when money was so plentiful or to be had at so low a rate as at present. The national treasury reports a vast surplus every year. When this Capitol was first erected the annual revenues of the government were not more than one-hundredth as much as they are this year. "This bill calls for a site equal in dimensions to that occupied by the Library of Congress—a parcel of ground which can be procured for about the same price. The artistic structure proposed would be not only a home for the Supreme Court, the Department of Justice and international tribunals or congresses, but it would suitably ac-commodate the federal law library, now cramped into somber and unwholesome quarters in the basement of this building. This is a collection of nearly 100,000 volumes, the largest law library in the world; yet it is so miserably housed that valuable books have to be piled up on the floor and so crowded that the custodian has been compelled to exclude both authors and students from its benefits."

Child Into Immoral Life.

1013 New Jersey avenue southeast.

the greatest number of words made | It is alleged that the woman met the child from the two words "BOSTON in a store yesterday, where the latter was seeking employment. She asked her about going to New York, stating that she would guarantee her \$8 or \$10 a week, for taking care of a child. The woman denies that she intended that the girl should do anything wrong. To Capt. Boardman she stated that she had two children of her own. She has lived at 232 and 259 West 37th street, New York city, and also at 242 West 48th street, in the same city. At the house of detention the woman told the matron that her maiden name was Henrietta Lynch and that she married a man named Tibbetts. The case will be investigated in the Police Court Monday.

SENATE BILL 6515.

empt Property From Taxation. Institute of Architects in Washington."

Mr. Darneille says in his last annual report he strongly urged the curtailing of the exemption privilege. "I call attention," says he, "to the fact that there has been says he, "to the fact that there has been entirely too much property exempt from taxation. I recently drafted and forwarded to the Commissioners a bill intended to restrict exemption from taxation, and to epitomize and elucidate the laws relating thereto. It does not appear that the institutions affected by these two bills are conducted for the benefit of the public, they not being charitable, educational or religious institutions, and they do not, in my opinion, come within the class of institutions which should be exempt from participation in the expense

cellar and boring a hole through the floor large enough for a man to get through. When the office was reached the cash register was opened and the amount stated taken. The affair was reported to the police and Detectives Peck and Miller are making an investigation.

A JUDICIARY BUILDING

Proper Provision Never Made for the

Representative Mercer, chairman of the House committee on public buildings and grounds, has filed the favorable report ordered by his committee on the bill providing for a building in this city for the Su-In giving reasons for urging the passage of this bill, Mr. Mercer says:

"In determining the requirements of the government our predecessors were moved by generous purposes, but the tremendous growth of the nation could not be foreseen. and they so far underestimated the dimensions required that every public building in the city is far too small and every department rents buildings outside of its walls

amount annually paid for them:

21,900,00 8,100.00 15,240.00

Never Properly Provided For. vided for. For generations it has been "Not only does our highest court need a home commensurate with its dignity and

importance, but appropriate shelter is required for the Department of Justice, for the National Law Library, for commissions exercising judicial functions and for international tribunals. Events of the last few years have made it certain that the United terms \$5 or \$6 monthly payments.

"We also have about fifty fine square planes of leading makes, including Steinways, Chickerings, Vose, Knabe, Stodart, Hallet & Davis, and many others of equal prominence. These we mark

ON GRAVE CHARGE.

Woman Accused of Attempt to Induce

A neatly-dressed woman who gave name as Nettie Austin was arrested this is held at the house of detention on a charge of attempting to induce a fifteen-year-old child to leave her home and go to New York for alleged immoral purposes. The child in question is a daughter of William White of

Assessor's Report on Measure to Ex-

Mr. H. H. Darneille, the assessor, has submitted a report to the District Commissioners on Senate bill 6515, "to exempt from taxation certain property of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington," and Senate bill 6511, "to exempt from taxation certain property of the American

be exempt from participation in the expense of the municipality. I recommend that an adverse report be made on these bills."

Our Last Suggestions to Christmas Shoppers.

Time is short-Santa Claus is knocking at the door and simultaneously all hearts are beating in anxious expectancy. Three days remain in which to select a present-a token of your love and esteem-for parent, brother, sister, relative or friend. Our entire stock (from the cheapest to the most expensive article) is personally selected.

For the Baby.

Little Music Boxes-the kind the little tots love to hold to their ears and "make the music." (Unbreakable.)

49c. to \$1.50.

Musical Doll Babies-The kind that walk, sing and ride, 25c. to \$3.50.

Horns that are easy to blow, having porcelain mouthpieces, 5c. to 90c.

> Musical Rattles, 20c. to 50c.

Drums-Drums-Drums-With genuine calfskin heads, not the cheap toy kind, including sticks and belt.

For Little Brother.

\$1.50 to \$8.00. Bugles—Bugles—Bugles— From the small one-turn to the regulation three-turn.

25c. to \$1.50.

Harmonicas— From the small "Baby Harp" to the large "six-toned" adjustable.

10c. to \$3.50. Autoharp. Start the small boy now; he can learn easily and without the arduous practice which a more complicated instrument re-

\$2.75 to \$25. Give the Boy a Kazoo! 10c. For Little Sister.

of the tenderness of the mother nature; but when a beautiful Swiss Music Box plays while the Doll revolves in a maze of pretty clothes the happiness of the little girl is complete

\$1.25 to \$2.75.

Tambourines. The "little lady" may wish to participate in some small entertainment; what is more beautiful than the Spanish dance and what more essential than a tambourine or

castanets? 15c. to \$1.25.

Handsome Music Rolls-

35c. to \$1.50. Beautiful Music Books, Folios, etc., etc.

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Hamlin Organ.

For College Young Men and Women.

Guitars. The Washburn

is pre-eminent; its deep and mellow tone quality combined with greatest vibration has made it the chosen instrument of professionals the world over.

WASHBURN GUITARS-\$15, \$18, \$22 up to \$150.

Pianos.

\$3.50, \$4.50, \$5 to \$25. Sold on time if desired.

OTHER MAKES-

No need to tell of the merits of the

Steinway Piano, for all the world unites in

calling it "best"-but we have many other

good pianos at more moderate prices.

in the public schools of the District; the MA-

THUSHEK, the many-toned CROWN, the MASON & HAMLIN, the POOLE,

the HUNTINGTON, the CHASE-all in-

struments that have won a good standing for

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Fully Warranted. On reasonable monthly payments if de-

themselves in the world of music.

New Pianos from

Among them the GABLER, recently placed

has no peer; its form and con-

The Washburn

Mandolins.

struction are so combined as to produce the most BRILLIANT tone-always THE desirable quality in a mandolin. The fingerboards are fretted perfectly. WASHBURN MANDOLINS, \$15, \$18, \$22 to \$75.

OTHER MAKES-\$3.50, \$4.50, \$5 to \$25.

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\$5 up. 25% discount on all Banjos excepting the Stewart and Washburn.

Banjos.

S. S. Stewart's

goods have been accepted by

professional players as the in-

struments possessing the great-

est brilliancy and "twang."

Stewart Banjos are fully war-

\$10, \$12, \$15 to \$100.

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world, and freer from that unpleasant scratching sound than any others.

Prices, \$15, \$20 and \$30. Records \$5 and \$10 a dozen.

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mechanism, the mechanics who have pro-

duced it, the designers who have drawn its

outline, the tuners and voicers who have

manipulated its reeds-each has been a

A complete stock of Chapel and Parlor

craftsmaker; a worker of superior skill.

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VICTOR TALKING MA-

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Busts of Musical Composers.

Busts of Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Paderewski and Wagner. 19c. each.

GAITHERSBURG NEWS.

The Jefferson Club Meets - Epworth League-Items of Interest.

pecial Correspondence of The Evening Star. GAITHERSBURG, Md., December 18, 1902. The regular meeting of the Jefferson Club was held, as usual, at Knights of Pythias Hall last night. Interest in its meetings seems to be increasing, judging from the attendance, notwithstanding the fact that the recent contention over the dissolution of the organization remains unsettled. The anti-dissolutionists within the past few days retained Mr. Edward C. Peter of the Rockville bar to pass an opinion upon their

attitude in the premises. At the meeting last night the former pres-At the meeting last night the former president of the club, Rev. Dr. J. L. Lodge, was again absent, and Dr. E. H. Etchison was made president project. while Mr. Harry Amiss acted as secretary. Among those who attended were Mr. S. A. Lehman, former librarian, and Mr. William H. Wesselle, former treasurer, and ardent supporters of President Lodge of the action pure sells, former treasurer, and ardent supporters of President Lodge In the action purported to have been taken six weeks ago dissolving the club. Both gentlemen were allowed the privileges of the floor and again argued for the advisability of permitting a distribution of the property among the donors. Mr. Wessells afterward, in response to a request, made a report of the finances of the club six weeks ago, showing a balance in the treasury of \$9. He also turned over to the organization certain books and papers in his possession. A musical and literary program concluded the meeting.

will be Mrs. Richard Poole, Mrs. Edward Wootton and Mrs. William Hempstone. Stockholders of the Baltimore Building and Loan Association, which went into the hands of receivers nearly two years ago, have received a second dividend of 12½ per cent, making about 42 per cent of the dues paid in received up to the present time.

Mr. Thomas B. Brooks has left for an ex-

tended business trip through the south.

Claims He Was Robbed. The police found Edward Doremus, a resident of Richmond, Va., leaning against a fence at the corner of Maryland avenue and 41/2 street southwest about 3:30 o'clock this morning. The man was apparently in a stupor. He was unable to tell the police very much about himself until after he reached the station in South Washington. Then he claimed he had been drugged and robbed by three colored women. He had been in a house on Armory street, he informed the police, and had been relieved of his watch, chain and had been relieved of his watch, chain and charm and \$50 in cash. Sergt. Kramer and Policemen Williams and Green made an investigation and arrested three women and a man. The women gave their names as Mabel Gray, Belle Gaines and Daisy Sargent. The man registered as Henry Simms. The Gray woman admitted that she had been with the Virginian and said she got \$15 of his money. The case is being further investigated.

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925 Pennsylvania Ave. Childre cial, 29c.

MEDAL AND DIPLOMA. Health Department Receives Prize for Exhibit at Paris Exposition. health department of the District of Columbia for its exhibit at the Paris exhibition of 1900 have arrived at the District building and are being much admired. The diploma

will be framed and hung in the health office, while the medal will be appropriately is a singular fact, cited by some as a tes-The exhibit of the health department at Paris embraced, among other things, the ed in the annals of the papacy should have many blank forms used by the health department in the execution of the different branches of work that devolve upon it, which clearly indicated the nature and extent of the work, and the system inaugu-rated under the present administration of carrying into effect the many laws pertaining to that important branch of the District government; nearly all of which laws were framed within the past six or seven years and put into active operation by the present health officer.

Deputy Health Officer McLean, who is at present acting as chief of the department in the absence of Dr. W. C. Woodward, the health officer, said that apropos of the recognition received by the department at Paris it might be mentioned that letters have been received in the past from health officers abroad (notably England, with whom this department exchanges courtestes in the way of publications, etc.) complimenting the health department on what they termed a marked and commendable

Musical Steins, \$3.50 to \$7.50. Musical Decanters, \$5. Children's Musical Books, spe-

and docks looking to a new contract with another company. It will take at least two years to complete the dock, and it will be necessary to pile the foundations.

have come to naught, and specifications are now in preparation by the bureau of yards

Leo Close to Years of Peter. The pope on Tuesday, November 4, had occupied the chair of St. Peter longer than any of his predecessors except Pius IX. It timony to the increased healthiness of Rome, that the two longest reigns recordpontificate lasted for thirty-one years and seven months, and that of Leo XIII, who has worn the triple crown for twenty-four years and eight months, and more than a fortnight. Until November 4 he had attained the years of Pius VI, who died in exile at Valence in 1790. The tradition that St. Peter had been bishop of Rome for twenty-five years was the origin of the saying addressed to succeeding popes on their accession, "Thou shalt not see the years of Peter," a prediction relating for the first accession. "Thou shalt not see the years of Peter," a prediction falsified for the first time by the late reign, and likely to be so in the present case. The reigning pontiff, despite his great age, has been surpassed in longevity by two of his predecessors—St. Agathon, who died in 682 at the age of one hundred and seven, and Gregory IX, who, at the date of his death in 1241, had attained the age of ninety-nine.

Survivals of Useless Fashion.